

## OCTOBER 2019



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### FROM THE PASTOR

*Rev. Karen Bunnell, Senior Pastor*

*Dear Friends,*

*I'm sitting at my desk at home writing this letter with the windows wide upon and a beautiful cool breeze coming in the window. A chill is in the air signaling the impending arrival of one of my favorite seasons – autumn! I love autumn for so many reasons – the cool air, changing colors, Eagles football, but also because new energy always comes back into the church in the fall after the quiet of summer.*

*And boy, is there great new energy this fall! We've welcomed new staff members Suzette Burgess and Jason Cornish, Sunday School started back up again, we've already had some big events like the 5K Run/Walk to Battle ALS, and more big events are right around the corner, like the Ministries Fair and Harvest Food Festival, among others.*

*God's Spirit is flowing in a mighty way in these first days of fall, and it's exciting to be a part of it all! Don't miss a minute of all that God is doing here!*

# MISSIONS

*“He who despises his neighbor sins, but blessed is he who is kind to the needy.” Proverbs 14:21*

## MISSION TEAM UPDATE

*Submitted by Mike Foster*

Some Events and Happenings to start placing on your radar screen...

- The Harvest Food Fest will run October 6<sup>th</sup> through 13<sup>th</sup>
- The Ministry Fair is slated for October 20<sup>th</sup>
- The Delaware Brain Tumor 5K Run/Walk is slated for November 9<sup>th</sup>
- EUMC will host the Blood Bank of Delmarva blood drive Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm - visit [delmarvablood.org](http://delmarvablood.org) to schedule your donation

Thanks and God Bless

## DO YOU HAVE AN HOUR A WEEK TO SPEND WITH A CHILD?

If so, we're looking for you to help our mission to provide mentors for children at Thomson Estates Elementary School and Cecil Manor Elementary School (two of our partner schools). It really will take just an hour of your time each week to talk with a child, do activities with him/her, and read with him/her. Studies have shown that having a mentor helps a child thrive! Training is provided. If you'd like to be a mentor, or simply learn more about what's involved, please email Nancy Mitchell at [nhmitchell@msn.com](mailto:nhmitchell@msn.com) for Thomson Estates and Andee McKenica at [andee.mckenica@gmail.com](mailto:andee.mckenica@gmail.com) for Cecil Manor.



## MONTHLY MEN'S BREAKFAST

Just a reminder that all men of the church are invited to take part in the Monthly Men's Breakfasts which are held on the third Wednesday of each month at **7:30 am (new time!)** at Cracker Barrel. No sign up is required, just show up and enjoy the food, fellowship and fun! The October breakfast will be on Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>!

## HELP FEED THE HUNGRY!

We'll be having our annual Harvest Food Festival again this fall, as we help fill the shelves at the Food Pantry of Immaculate Conception Church. On Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> you'll be given an empty grocery bag and a list of needed items as you leave church that day. You're invited to fill the bag and bring it back to church with you on Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. There will be a big truck at the back door in which to put your donations! In the past few years, we've given nearly 200 bags of groceries – let's see it we can top that this year!

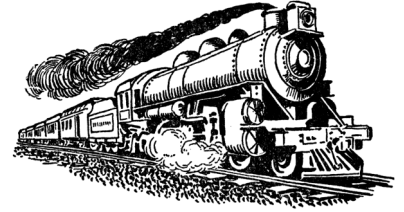


# FELLOWSHIP & STEWARDSHIP

*"We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us" II Corinthians*

## CLASSIC CHRISTIANS' NEWS

The Classic Christians (for those age 50 and over) will have an outing in October – a fall foliage trip on the Wilmington and Western railroad! It will take place on Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm and the cost is \$17/person. The station is located near Prices Corner. This trip is open to people of all ages – not just Classic Christians! To participate, sign up on the sheet across from the Welcome Center. Questions? See George or Nancy Leathrum or email them at [gnleathrum@aol.com](mailto:gnleathrum@aol.com).



Our first day open, Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, was a productive day! Five dresses went out the door and we did some cleaning up and organizing. We unpacked over 60 dresses, additional shoes and jewelry, and organized them all. Hours are Wednesday 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm and Saturday 10:00 am to 12 noon. It looks like the last homecoming in Cecil County is Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, so that will be our last day for this season. We will open again in February 2020 to prepare for Prom Season.

We are looking for volunteers! If you would like to help out in the Prom Boutique, please contact Tammy Cox at [tammy.cox@bofa.com](mailto:tammy.cox@bofa.com).





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## STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

*Submitted by Ellen and Rich Gruebel, Committee Co-chairpersons*

Colossians 3:23 "Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men"

Greetings from the Stewardship Committee! First, our committee and our entire church family would like to thank all who participated in and/or donated to the ALS 5K, which was held on Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, in Chesapeake City. As a result, we were able to send a very nice donation to the ALS Association to help with research to combat this terrible illness. Our committee is currently working on offering a little bit of a "different" Stewardship Fair in October to share a "Celebration of the Ministries of our Church!" It will be held in Weldin Hall on Laity Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, and we hope all will attend to learn about all of the "wonders" of our church. These include our many committees, our music, our Scout groups, our Classic Christians, and so much more! Hope you've all had a wonderful summer as you return to the routine of a beautiful autumn season!

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## CHURCH AND SOCIETY COMMITTEE

*Submitted by Mike and Mary Ann Schmook*

### CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?

Whether this scene plays out at your home or on some television show, you can probably relate to this exchange between a young person and some older adult (not necessarily a family member):

YOUTH: You never listen to me!

ADULT: You should listen to me! I've been around the block a few times and I know about this stuff.

YOUTH: You just don't understand how hard it is these days!

ADULT: Hard? I know how hard it gets. I've lived it long before you were around.

Etc., etc., until likely some door is slammed or someone storms out of the room.

The life of teenagers today is not at all like the youth experience of their 40-year-old parents or their 70-year-old grandparents.... OR IS IT? Each generation faces unique challenges that are defined by the cultural expectations of the day, but many of the issues are universal across the years. The Church and Society Committee is interested in creating a safe environment for young and old alike to talk and LISTEN to one another. (AND...this conversation comes with free food.)

On Sunday October 27<sup>th</sup>, after the second service, we are looking for a group of people of all ages who will agree to engage in a dialogue. Hear the stories of others and be ready to share your story as well as work to bridge some gaps that may exist between generations here in our church and in our families. This is not just intended for families to talk to each other. In fact, we'll try to give family members a little distance from each other to let the discussions broaden to encompass larger issues of faith, respect, and appreciation without getting bogged down on who took out the trash last night. Our goals for the session—Learn to listen, listen to learn... and no slammed doors!

Please watch for opportunities to sign up to join us.

# EVANGELISM

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## EVANGELISM / MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Stop by Elkton High School on October 26<sup>th</sup> 11:00 am to 1:00 pm for [drugfreeecil.org](http://drugfreeecil.org) **Trunk or Treat**. Evangelism will have a station where we will meet families and hand out candy and freebies with our church information. Come get a picture of Heaven!! (Our theme)



October 27<sup>th</sup> is the annual campaign for gift cards for service workers who work so that we can enjoy our families on Thanksgiving. Please keep these hardworking volunteers, medical personnel and law enforcement officers and first responders in your hearts.

That is our fall lineup. We have more plans and activities on the horizon.

Peace and Love,  
Linda Meffley



## CHRISTMAS WREATHS!

Even though it's just October, the Boy Scouts will be helping you get ready for Christmas by offering their wonderful Christmas wreaths for sale again this year. Members of our troop, Boy Scout Troop 443, will be on hand in the hospitality area after both services on Sundays, October 27<sup>th</sup> and November 3<sup>rd</sup> to take orders. The wreaths will then be delivered at the end of November – just in time for the start of Advent! This is a great way to both decorate your front door and help support the activities of our wonderful troop!

## CALLING ALL WOMEN!

It's time to register for this year's Women's Retreat, which will take place in Ocean City on Martin Luther King Weekend, which is January 17-19, 2020. The theme of the retreat is "Second Chances" and will feature guest presenter Michele Chynoweth, writer of Christian books and inspirational speaker. Brochures containing all of the details about the retreat can be found on the Welcome Center. Installment payments are due on October 1<sup>st</sup>, November 1<sup>st</sup> and December 1<sup>st</sup>. Scholarship aid is available, if needed. Sign-up soon before the retreat sells out!



## WEDNESDAY NIGHT COMMUNION

Holy Communion is offered in the Chapel every Wednesday night from 6:15–6:30 pm. It is a wonderful way to receive a spiritual uplift in the middle of your week! All are invited and warmly welcome to attend.

# YOUTH

*"Guide me on your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior, and my hope is in you all day long" Psalm 25:5*



## EUMC Youth THE VILLAGE

### **Things are falling into place!**

With the fall officially starting September 23<sup>rd</sup> this year we are a little more than a week into cooler weather and shorter days. Before you know it, the leaves will have fallen from their perches, and the chill of winter will have set in. Have no fear the youth of Elkton United Methodist are here. I was blessed to have our first planning/fellowship meeting on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. My heart felt "strangely warm," as I listened to the voices and concerns of some 26 youth and parents. We talked about where we have been, but more importantly, we spoke clearly about where we are going! The group prayed together and gave thanks to God for blessings in our midst. Then came time for breaking bread. What I found out was that our youth have enormous appetites. They hunger not only for physical sustenance, but also hunger to know more about God and their role in the journey we call Christianity. It was then that I realized that this is going to be a fantastic journey!

The village is a model that I envision after seeing the careful love and support as I went through the interview process. It became apparent that this church invests in the growth and development of its youth. Who our children become is a direct representation of their environment and we can shape and mold that sacred space (physical, mental, and spiritual) to the glory of God. We, through God's direction, can truly create **"A Safe Place to Learn and Live God's Love!"**

As such, I will be contacting you through this and other communication vehicles to keep you up to date with the events and activities of your youth group. It does take a village to raise a child.

Our next big event will be the **youth rally in Ocean City, Maryland January 10-12, 2020.**

**INSEPARABLE** is the name of this year's rally. There will be presenters, engaging seminars, live music, and many other events created just for our youth. Until then, **"The Village"** will be on the move. Sunday sessions, fundraising, and community outreach is just the beginning. We are committed to making our village thrive!

I would ask that you mark your calendars with the following dates and find ways to engage in our youth programs:

**Sunday Meetings** will be held in Weldin hall from **12:00 pm - 1:30 pm starting September 29<sup>th</sup>**. If you are interested in helping us provide refreshments for these sessions, please contact Pastor Bunnell for scheduling information.

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Fundraising will be an integral part of our focus. Fundraising will help increase involvement for our youth families and help offset the cost of travel, hotel stay, meals and incidentals, and transportation. Our schedule for fundraising is as follows:

**Sub Sale** - You can place your order after church **Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup> and December 15<sup>th</sup>** (pricing and menus to come). Orders will be available for **pick up Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> and December 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Sub sales are a great way to give and get back in support of our youth!

**Pancake breakfast** is scheduled for **November 17<sup>th</sup>** beginning after the 8:30 worship service. As always, donations of resources, time, talent, and service are always appreciated!

Out of town on these dates? No worries, direct donations to our youth and programs are excellent ways to continue to show support for God's work in our community.

Finally, we are working out the details of a service project in November. Please look for the dates of this experience to be forthcoming! Things are truly *"Falling into Place!"* God is continuing a great work while making each of us a part of the divine body that executes that work in a very tangible way! Join our village, be a part of the movement!

In service of the Risen King,



Jason Cornish

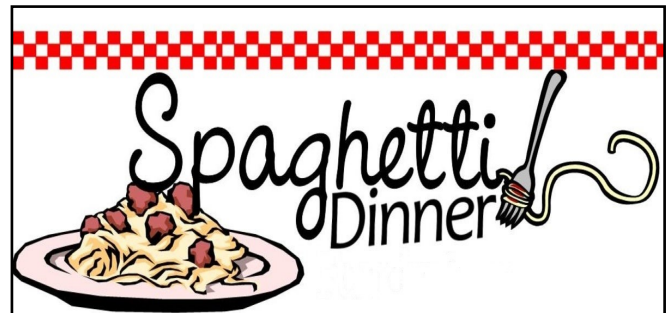
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"A Safe Place to Learn and Live God's Love!"

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

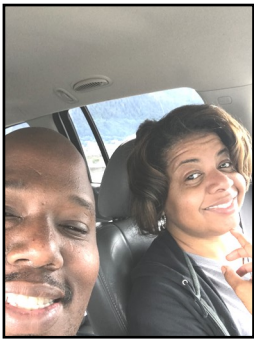
The Spaghetti Dinner is right around the corner and, before you know it, you will be smelling our delicious homemade spaghetti sauce! Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> and join us for our annual Spaghetti Dinner and bake sale from 4 to 7 p.m. Tickets will once again be \$10/ adults and \$5/ children under 10. So bring your friends, neighbors and relatives for a great dinner and even better fellowship all while supporting great projects happening around our church! Questions? Or would you like to volunteer for the dinner? Contact Bethany Buckley at [buckley91@comcast.net](mailto:buckley91@comcast.net) or 410-392-4154. We hope to see you there!





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Grace and Peace,

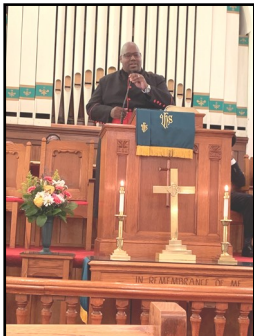
I was charged with the opportunity to introduce myself to you, and that always seems more complicated than it should be. The most important things about me cannot be quantified in correspondence, but discerned spiritually. It is my prayer that over time, you too will have the opportunity to come in and sit with me to begin that process of discernment for yourselves. My name is Jason Cornish, and I am your Youth Director!



I was born in a small hospital in Merriville, Indiana, not too far from Gary, where we lived. My father was an Army veteran who after the war became a steelworker. This work continued until the economic crash, and he subsequently became a firefighter and private business owner. My mother is a life-long learner, always looking to expand her mind while serving as a nurse, history professor, librarian, and theologian. Soon after my entry into elementary school, we moved from a troubled economically barren Gary, Indiana to be closer to family in Hampton, Virginia. It was in this time and space in my life that I discerned a call to ministry. To be clear, discernment of one's call is not always synonymous with answering that call, but we will get to that in a minute. After discerning my call, I sought out opportunities to exercise my God-given talents through music and service while I was still a youth. The friends that I made and lessons learned during this time in no small way shaped the man I am today. This fertile ground that we call "church" should be a place of discovery, wonder, and preparation for our youth. My home church was such a refuge for me. After graduating from high school, I set off for college in Greensboro, North Carolina. My location changed, but my call remained constant, and my disobedience to the true divine nature of my being almost cost me my life.



I discovered college in a very real way. Things didn't get too far out of hand, but at every turn, I wanted to be free of the perceived bondage of my call to ministry. I tried very hard being someone else. My intent was to bury that old life of rules and responsibilities. What I didn't realize was that God had planted in me a seed and burying it only began the growing process.



With all my running, I never imagined that God was running directly toward me! Grace captured me one night as I sat in the Appalachian Mountains. I gave up my spring break that year to serve with a service project. That week was intense! We built a bathroom for a 90+-year-old woman that only had cold running water and an outhouse. I remember the second to last night when I sat in the great room feeling a sense of fullness and completion with the project and the ability to provide a service to someone in need. As I sank into the chair, I was reminded by the spirit that I would be happiest in my life doing the thing that I was created to do. Service in Ministry!



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Throughout my life, I have been privileged to work as a retail manager of a multimillion-dollar store, a school teacher (6, 7, and 8th-grade chorus, orchestra, and band). I've served as music director in all different denominations (Baptist, Catholic, Presbyterian, Lutheran, Non-Denominational, and Methodist). I have also been a youth director and associate pastor in the United Methodist Church. I have spent the last four years as a pastor of two different congregations of UMC's. God has blessed me incredibly. I have worked simultaneously in the Federal Aviation Administration as an air traffic controller, operations supervisor, and my current position of Air Traffic Manager. Now I serve with you!

It is through the Grace of the Almighty God that I can walk with you on this journey. However, I do not walk alone. Around the borders of the previous page, you will see my village. My wife and family that love and pray for me tirelessly. My dog (Grace) who reminds me of God's grace and provision daily. The community that always challenges me to be the best divine version of myself. This is my village! As time has passed, I've found out the best about myself through servant leadership and now share an opportunity to co-author this chapter with you! My earnest prayer is that I can embody the words of Isaiah 1:17. Learn to do good. Seek justice. Help the oppressed. Defend the cause of orphans. Fight for the rights of widows. All this while illuminating our world with the Love of God. How do we do this? What roads do we take? These and many other questions can be answered as we follow God. I would love to have an opportunity to talk with you about it! My office door is open and available. Let's discover how we can transform the world, creating "A Safe Place to Learn and Live God's Love!"

## Successful School Supply Drive 2019



# EDUCATION

*“Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not turn from it” Proverbs 22:6*

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

*Submitted by Katie Sparks, Director of Children & Education Ministries*



Step Right Up and Sign Up for Sunday School! Sunday School kicked off on September 8, 2019 in Weldin Hall at 9:45 am. The kids had a lot of fun playing games at the carnival before heading off to their class!

If you have not joined a class, we still have spaces in all of our classes and would love to have you!



### Christmas Pageant:

I cannot believe that it is already time to start planning for Christmas, but since we only have 2 more months, we must begin. If you would like to help with the Christmas pageant in any way (directing, costumes, music, scenery, donating baked goods, etc.) please see Katie Sparks.



### Acolyte Sign-Ups:

If your child is in kindergarten or a higher grade, we would love to have them join the acolyte team! If your child is interested in becoming an important part of the service, please see either Barb Pinder or Katie Sparks for more information.

### Nursery Volunteers:

Our nursery is in need of volunteers for both services. Volunteering in the nursery is very rewarding and a huge help to parents with small children! Volunteering in the nursery is also a great way for middle or high school students to earn service hours for school. If you are interested in volunteering, please see Katie Sparks in the education office for more information.

### Family Events:

The education department is looking for help planning future family events. If your family has an idea for a fun event that they would like to plan, please see Katie Sparks so that we can make it happen!

# MUSIC & WORSHIP

*"May the LORD bless you from Zion all the days of your life..." Psalm 128:5*

## MUSIC MINISTRIES

Our music ministry here at EUMC is off to a great start this season! The Adult Choir had their first rehearsal on September 4<sup>th</sup> and put an anthem together for worship on September 8<sup>th</sup>. If you missed them, please listen to the EUMC YouTube broadcast. They were great! I am quickly getting to know all of the choir members and welcome two new members, Kelly Thompson and Darrin Peters. There is always room for more singers, so if you have any aspirations of singing outside of your shower or your car, we would love to have you! Choir rehearsal is on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.



Men's Choir had their first rehearsal on September 11<sup>th</sup>. They will be sharing their musical gifts at worship on October 13<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in joining this ensemble, they rehearse on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. and sing the second Sunday of every other month. Please come, all are welcome!

Handbell Choir rehearsals have started, and we are looking forward to their first musical offering in worship on October 20<sup>th</sup>. Rehearsals are at 7:00 p.m. on Monday evenings in the sanctuary, and participate in worship on the third Sunday of every month. They are desperately in need of another ringer! Please contact Paul Deemer if you are interested.

Youth Choir is open to all children and rehearses at 9:15 on Sunday mornings in Room 1. Susan Starrett is looking for new members who love to sing and want to have some fun! They will make their Fall season debut on Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> during morning worship. I can't wait!

Finally, I would like to thank all of the members who have shared their musical gifts this summer and into the new season on Sunday mornings. You are invaluable to our worship experience. I will always be looking for people to contribute (old and new!). If this is something you feel you can offer (instrumental or vocal), please contact me in between services on Sunday mornings or by email at [suzetteising@gmail.com](mailto:suzetteising@gmail.com).

Harmony and Peace,  
Suzette Burgess

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## LAITY SUNDAY

On Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, the Lay Leaders of our church, Nancy Crawford and Phil Czarnecki will take over the leadership of worship. The Laity Sunday service is always wonderfully inspiring and uplifting, so be sure not to miss it!

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## SPECIAL OFFERING ON OCTOBER 27<sup>TH</sup>

Every year, just prior to Thanksgiving, we receive a special one-time offering to provide gift cards to those who serve (especially to those who have to be away from their families that day). This year's cards will be distributed to police officers, EMTs, fire fighters, and hospital and nursing home workers. Again, the offering will be on one Sunday – October 27<sup>th</sup>, so please give as generously as you can.

# CHURCH NEWS

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## FINANCE NEWS

*Submitted by Laurie Ruth, Treasurer*

In the month of August, the church opened a money market account with Columbia Bank – now Fulton Bank - that will make 2.06% interest until the end of the year. The money going into this account is from the Building Fund. This will allow the church to make some interest and have ready-access to the money without penalty.

The Ministries Fund has a CD with an originating value of \$58,000.00 earning 2.6% that will mature on January 18, 2021.

The Building Fund, at the end of August, has a balance of \$66,625.20. In addition, there is \$10,000.00 in the Money Market and a CD of \$50,000.00, earning 2.35%, that matures on January 29, 2020. This brings the total of the Building Fund without interest to \$126,625.00 as of August 31, 2019.

	August Month	August YTD
<u>Income</u>		
General Ministry & Trustees		
Operational	29,900.60	291,199.72
<u>Expenses</u>		
General Ministry & Trustees		
Operational	30,939.20	305,566.74
<u>Net Income (Loss)</u>		
General Ministry & Trustees		
Operational	-1,038.60	(14,367.02)



## THANK YOU ARTISTS!

Many, many thanks to all of the artists who were featured in the “God’s Gifts” sermon series in September. Thank you Andee McKenica for helping us see through your beautiful quilts how God takes pieces and puts them together in an amazing whole! Thank you Anna Smith and your phenomenal dancers from the Bobbie Ann’s Dance Studio for helping us remember to let the Spirit lead us in celebrating and sharing the joy of our faith! Thank you Barton Funke for sharing your tremendous woodcarvings with us and reminding us that God’s sees what’s inside, and it’s what’s inside that counts! And finally, thank you Charlotte Mehosky, for sharing with us your breathtaking paintings and your moving story of not even starting to paint until you were in your fifties. You inspired us to remember that God can work in amazing ways in all the times and seasons of our lives!

## DON’T FORGET ABOUT OUR CHURCH WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE!

Just a reminder that you can keep up with everything going on in church via our church website – [elktonumc.org](http://elktonumc.org). If you have to miss a Sunday, you can click on the website usually by late Sunday night and watch a video of the morning’s service. A calendar of events is on the site as well, and also information about all of our ministries! It’s a great resource, so check it out! Also, don’t forget to like us on Facebook! When you do that, others are likely to check us out as well!



# CHURCH NEWS

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*this is us*

It takes many helping hands to keep our church running smoothly. Some of you already know what it's like to serve on one of our committees and some of you don't really know what committees we have and how we – you and me – keep our church thriving via our helping hands and the gift of our time and talents. So, in honor of our upcoming Ministries Fair (formerly called our Stewardship Fair) taking place on Sunday, October 20th, here is an in-depth look at "us" as prepared by the current leaders of the various ministries. Think about where your gifts and talents might be best suited and don't hesitate to answer God's call...

The **EDUCATION COMMITTEE** led by Katie Sparks involves many different areas of education and children's ministry. As a member of the education committee, you help choose the Sunday school curriculum and the structure of the program. You would help plan events for the teachers (such as Teacher Appreciation Sunday and Christian Education Sunday) and monthly events for all the children in the program (such as movie nights, bowling, and ice skating). We also plan and lead annual Sunday school events like the Christmas Pageant, Easter Egg Hunt, and Vacation Bible School. If you can work with kids, decorate, plan, create advertisements, cook, sing, act, dance, or recruit volunteers then come see us because the children we serve would love to have you on board!

The **UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S BOARD** is led by Judy Tanner and comprises the Dorcas Circle led by Sue Ivey and the Ruth/Sarah Circle led by Ellen Gruebel. The Dorcas Sisters Circle meets monthly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 6:30 pm. This group gathers to support each other through prayer, fellowship, and spiritual study, as well as the sharing of talents and gifts as they knit, crochet, sew, and do other handiwork. The Ruth/Sarah Circle meets monthly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at 12 noon and are followed by Bible study. This Circle's purpose is to know God through regular Bible study and discussion during a fellowship meal. These two groups sponsor the Cookie Walk, where volunteers help out as needed.

The **STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE** currently co-chaired by Ellen and Rich Gruebel is focused on looking after the church and its members to the best of their talents and abilities and to be good stewards of all that God has given us. During the year they are responsible for our Earth Day Celebration in April; our Health Fair featuring vendors who share advice on how to stay healthy in body and mind; 5K Walks/Runs benefitting Dementia (2017) and ALS this year. And they also host the annual Stewardship Fair – now called the Ministries Fair – where you will be able to meet with all EUMC committee representatives who will share information about their committee and instill a desire in you to enlist to help.

The **CHURCH AND SOCIETY COMMITTEE** provides a platform for members of EUMC to explore issues impacting not only us, but also people throughout the world. We seek to educate our members about the social principles of the United Methodist Church and to create opportunities for discourse that may lead to action. Our goal is to identify topic areas (both areas identified by the General Board of Church and Society and others that are relevant to our local community), educate our members on the stance of the UMC on the specific social issues, provide a safe, open space for dialogue, and encourage members to take action in

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whatever way(s) they are comfortable with. This will be accomplished by holding an open meeting every other month for members to dive into a specific topic. The meetings will be held on Sunday afternoons; lunch will be provided. Then a facilitated discussion will take place. We are always seeking new members to join us in reaching our vision and goals as stated above. Committee members determine the topics to be discussed, organize the forums by crafting an agenda, creating content, and facilitating small group discussions during the forum. We would also seek any volunteers who would be willing to help coordinate the lunch portion of the meetings by setting up and managing the food and or financial donations for the meals. If anyone has specific topic areas for a Forum that they would like to suggest to the Committee without being a Committee member, please contact Susan Starrett, Chair of the Church and Society Committee, at [starrett623@yahoo.com](mailto:starrett623@yahoo.com).

The **COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE** includes our **TECH TEAM** and our **WEBMASTER**. Nancy Crawford chairs the committee and is responsible for making sure all the “vines” of this committee stay connected. We utilize every means possible to “get the word out”—bulletin inserts, fliers, posters, newsletter articles, radio messages, newspaper publicity, Karen’s Friday emails, TV banners, our website and our Facebook page, word of mouth, smoke signals – whatever it takes. We also schedule the “Sign the Red Book” videos starring members of the church and we oversee the production of our EUMC photo directory every four years. Our Tech Team oversees installation of electronic equipment, trouble-shooting and maintaining equipment, serving in our Tech booth every Sunday morning to tape our 11:00am service and keeping us current with technology. Also integral to our committee is our webmaster, Jeff Bunnell, who works his magic to keep our website and Facebook pages up to date while also creating the TV banners you see rotating every Sunday, uploading the recorded weekly services so they can be viewed on YouTube, working closely with all committee chairs to communicate their events and making sure we are utilizing social media to serve our needs.

Mike Foster chairs our **MISSIONS COMMITTEE**. Each year in late fall, congregants present to the church their financial pledge for the coming year. Pledges can be directed to one, or all, of three categories: Building, Administration, and Missions. Many different groups and individuals are supported by our pledges. EUMC also provides contributions for several organizations throughout our Peninsula-Delaware conference such as Red-Bird Missions, Methodist Action Program, Neighborhood House, and Global Ministries. The balance of the other organizations and individuals supported are administered through the Missions committee and the other church committees. Our church members not only contribute their dollars, but also their time and talents serving those in need throughout our local community, our national community, and beyond. In addition to the above regional and national programs, listed below are some of the organizations we support locally: Cecil County Help Center, Cecil County Pregnancy Center, Meeting Ground, Paris Foundation, Christmas in April, Camp Pecometh, Scouts, Deep Roots, Teacher support, Tidewater Gospel Relief, Mission Trips and much more. One of our committee members sums it up this way: *“The Missions Committee has opened my eyes to all of the people and organizations our church supports. Every request is considered and rarely is one turned down.”*

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The **WORSHIP COMMITTEE** has the privilege of supporting various aspects of Sunday (and Wednesday evening) worship services. The committee meets every other month and includes the Senior Pastor, ministry area coordinators (acolytes, altar guild, communion, flowers, greeters, hall monitors, hospitality, music ministries, parking lot knights, tech team, ushers) and three at-large members. Each ministry area can always use additional helping hands! Krista Gilmore leads this essential committee.

Our **EVANGELISM COMMITTEE** is led by Linda Meffley. This group is responsible for creating opportunities and events that welcome new people to our church. In other words, they are the "Fun" committee! Throughout the year they organize events at church and participate in community events, always looking for ways to "Get the word out" - EUMC is open to all! This year their list of activities and events included the Joy of Faith Weekend, New Member Classes, the Elkton Memorial Day Parade and Elkton Fall Fest, the Thanksgiving Gift Card Giveaway, Selfie Sunday and our newest event, Financial Peace University. We're currently at work on other on other new ideas: a community prayer box, a family activity day, a gospel concert, and welcome mugs for new members. We'd love to answer any questions you might have at our Ministries Fair. If you want to share your love of Christ, please join us, we'd love to have you!

The **STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE** is like the human relations committee for the church. We have developed staff job descriptions and updated the Personnel Handbook. We interview and hire new staff members, sit in on staff evaluations and complete the Pastor's Performance Review each year. Our committee consists of people who can treat our staff fairly and keep all discussions confidential. Each member draws a staff person's name and becomes their secret pal for the year. Gretchen Ginder is the current chair of this committee.



**FALL KICK-OFF; JOIN OUR AMAZING TECH TEAM**

- TRAINING PROVIDED
- ROTATING SCHEDULE
- SUPPORTS EUMC SOCIAL MEDIA AND WEEKLY SERVICE
- WORK WITH A GREAT TEAM

**VOLUNTEER TODAY!**

**CONTACT ROGER ROBINSON**



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## WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY

**Amee McCarthy  
Walter Lokey, III**

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES – 2019

*Submitted by Nancy Stubbs, Ruth-Sarah Circle*

Mark your calendar and join us again in filling and delivering these shoeboxes to the millions of poor, sick and suffering children around the world as tangible expressions of God's love and constant presence with them.



EUMC members have delivered nearly 600 shoeboxes over the past 12 years (2007 = 18; 2008 = 35; 2009 = 44; 2010 = 53; 2011 = 49; 2012 = 79; 2013 = 79; 2014 = 53; 2015 = 64; 2016 = 63; 2017 = 49; 2018 = 65). Please help us to continue to share God's love with these children in 2019.

Mark Your Calendars:

Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup> - Pick up your boxes to fill from table in the Welcome Center.

Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> (or 10<sup>th</sup> at the latest) - Bring back your filled boxes to the Welcome Center.

Join us again for our 13<sup>th</sup> year and help us continue to share God's love with children around the world!!



**United Methodist Women**

**Cookie Walk**

**December 14, 2019**

**Weldin Hall**

**Get some for your family  
and your friends**



# October Birthdays

“One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and ask to seek him in his temple.” Psalm 27:4 (NIV)



10/4	Carla Cebula	10/22	Donald Andrews
10/5	Krystina Lariviere	10/22	Michael Schmook
10/6	Melody Deemer	10/22	Brandye Whiteman
10/6	Judith Pugh	10/23	Sheila Boulden
10/7	Karen Bunnell	10/23	Lisa Cornett
10/9	Teresa Grunert	10/23	Nancy Sawicki
10/10	Susan Ivey	10/24	Jim Dech
10/10	Sheila Olewine	10/25	Richard Juergens
10/10	Gerald Slayman	10/26	Alice Mackie
10/11	Eleanor Marsilii	10/29	Ella Jane Coleman
10/11	Nicholas Schweiker	10/29	Richard Gruebel
10/11	Judith Swyka	10/29	Daniel McCool
10/12	Wesley White	10/30	Nadine Allen
10/13	Nancy Herczeg	10/30	Gail Juergens
10/13	Renee McCormick	10/30	Robert Selner
10/14	Brooke Cebula	10/31	Sarah Alphin
10/14	Mary (Betty) Green		
10/14	June Long		
10/14	Amy Whitney		
10/15	Joseph Gilmore		
10/15	Wyatt Montgomery		
10/15	Faith Seltzer		
10/17	Stacie Forman		
10/20	Faye Camors		
10/20	Charles Gibson		
10/21	Holly Stoker		

# October Anniversaries



“Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, all become one flesh.” Genesis 2:24 (NKJV)



10/2	Dan & Cathy Gohlke
10/4	Henry & Marge Jacobs
10/10	Jack & Patricia Corder
10/10	Grant & Lauren Neely
10/12	Aaron & Holly Stoker
10/14	Joseph & Tiffany Graham
10/16	Thomas & Sharon Williams
10/23	Randall & Carla Cebula
10/27	Joseph & Nancy Draper
10/27	Mark & Teresa Grunert

If we missed your birthday or anniversary please accept our sincerest apologies and let the church office know so we can correct our information.

# October 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> 2:30 PM Nursing Home Visitation (Betty Budrow's Team) 6:30 PM SPRC Mtg 6:30 PM CCCS Rehearsal 7:00 PM Nar-Anon Mtg	<b>2</b> 6:15 PM Communion 6:30 PM Men's Choir 7:00 PM Chancel Choir 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	<b>3</b> 12:00 PM Weight Watchers 6:30 PM Women's Retreat Mtg 6:30 PM Lay Servant Academy 7:00 PM Board of Laity 8:00 PM AA Meeting	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6 Communion</b> 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:15 Youth Choir 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service 12:00 PM Youth Group	<b>7</b> 10:00 AM JC Play Group 1:30 PM Zumba 6:00 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 PM Handbell Choir	<b>8</b> 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM CCCS Rehearsal 7:00 PM Nar-Anon Mtg	<b>9</b> 10:30 AM Tele-Care Mtg 12:00 PM Ruth-Sarah 6:15 PM Communion 6:30 PM Men's Choir 7:00 PM Chancel Choir 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	<b>10</b> 12:00 PM Weight Watchers 6:00 PM Nominating Comm Mtg 6:30 PM Dorcas Circle 6:30 PM Lay Servant Academy 7:00 PM Admin Council Mtg 8:00 PM AA Meeting	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
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<b>20 Ministries Fair</b> 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:15 Youth Choir 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service 12:00 PM Youth Group	<b>21</b> 10:00 AM JC Play Group 6:00 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 PM Handbell Choir	<b>22</b> 6:30 PM CCCS Rehearsal 7:00 PM Nar-Anon Mtg	<b>23</b> 6:15 PM Communion 6:30 PM Men's Choir 7:00 PM Chancel Choir 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	<b>24</b> 12:00 PM Weight Watchers 6:30 PM Lay Servant Academy 8:00 PM AA Meeting	<b>25</b> 12:00 PM Community Blood Drive	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:15 Youth Choir 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service 12:00 PM Youth Group 12:00 PM "Can You Hear Me Now" Lunch & Presentation	<b>28</b> 10:00 AM JC Play Group 1:30 PM Zumba 6:00 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 PM Handbell Choir	<b>29</b> 6:30 PM CCCS Rehearsal 7:00 PM Nar-Anon Mtg 7:00 PM LULAC Mtg 7:00 PM Cub Scout Mtg	<b>30</b> 6:00 PM God & Me - Scouts 6:15 PM Communion 6:30 PM Men's Choir 7:00 PM Chancel Choir 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	<b>31</b> 12:00 PM Weight Watchers 8:00 PM AA Meeting 		



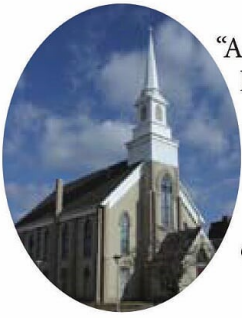
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“A place to know Jesus, be known by Jesus, and make Him known to others.”

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**ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**

### Church Staff

Senior Pastor.....Rev. Karen F. Bunnell  
Associate Pastor of Visitation.....Rev. Ray Graham  
Children & Education Ministries Director.....Katie Sparks  
Youth Ministries Director.....Jason Cornish  
Organist.....Sharon Williams  
Choir Director/Coordinator of Music Ministries....Suzette Burgess  
Adult Handbell Director.....Paul Deemer  
Youth Choir Director.....Susan Starrett  
Nursery Care Professional.....Yolanda Gomez  
Treasurer.....Laurie Ruth  
Secretary.....Beth Gullion  
Sextons.....Sylvia Honesty & Donna Horgan

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### Church Office Hours

Monday -Thursday  
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Friday  
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



### Sunday Worship Services

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

### Sunday School (all ages)

9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

### Youth Fellowship

Sunday Evenings 6:00 p.m.

### Elkton UMC Welcome Statement

The Elkton United Methodist Church is a family of God dedicated to worshiping, learning, and serving our immediate community and beyond as we embrace Jesus Christ’s message of love and acceptance. As a United Methodist Church, we stand fully behind the statement, “Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors.” Building on our tradition and the welcoming of those who have come before, we celebrate our diversity and invite all persons regardless of age, racial or ethnic background, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, marital or socioeconomic status, nationality or physical or mental ability into full participation as children of God in the life of this community of faith.